

1-1 By: Dukes, Collier (Senate Sponsor - Davis) H.B. No. 455
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;
 1-3 April 18, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 10, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 10, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to excused absences from public school for certain
 1-20 students.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 25.087(b), Education Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (b) A school district shall excuse a student from attending
 1-25 school for:

1-26 (1) the following purposes, including travel for those
 1-27 purposes:

1-28 (A) observing religious holy days;

1-29 (B) attending a required court appearance;

1-30 (C) appearing at a governmental office to
 1-31 complete paperwork required in connection with the student's
 1-32 application for United States citizenship;

1-33 (D) taking part in a United States naturalization
 1-34 oath ceremony; or

1-35 (E) serving as an election clerk; or

1-36 (2) a temporary absence resulting from an appointment
 1-37 with health care professionals for the student or the student's
 1-38 child if the [that] student commences classes or returns to school
 1-39 on the same day of the appointment.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
 1-41 school year.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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